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Feb. 13, 2006

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th St. SW
Room TW-A325
Washington DC 20554

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Re: Request for Waiver

To Whom It May Concern:

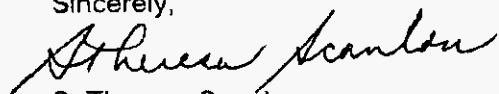
I am writing to you to request a waiver because my 470 was posted late causing our missing the deadline for the filing of Form 471. I had been working on the form 471 to make sure it was done correctly and was sure I had submitted it. However, when I checked, I had only saved it, missing the Jan. 19th deadline by one day. If you review my record you will note that, in the past, I filed the 470 in ample time to assure the vendors of a fair bidding process. The error was a human one and I am the responsible person.

We are a school on the outskirts of East Flatbush, just south of Crown Heights. We are at a 90% discount because of the number of students who receive free or reduced lunch. In the past, I have always filed on time and have kept careful records and responded to all correspondence in a timely manner. This year, having failed to do this, I feel very responsible for the cost this will be to our school. We always use grant money, whether state, local or federal to the best advantage because our budget operates on less than \$2400 per child when tuition is calculated by head. We have a family rate of \$2100 per child for two and \$1700.00 per child for three.

The E-rate enables us to have internet access, which many of our children cannot get at home. The cost of the maintaining of the phone system and network maintenance is very expensive and E-rate has enabled us to provide for our children and assist them in ways we would not be able to afford. We are so grateful for this service through the USAC (Universal Service Administration Company).

I have written to our senators and Congressman to be advocates for our school. I hope you will be moved by my appeal and grant the waiver.

Sincerely,


S. Theresa Scanlon
Principal

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RE: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 05-311 on video franchising

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Our local cities and communities depend on local franchising to support community access to telecommunications and local media production. Franchises ensure that you, I and our neighbors have a modicum of control over the media in their communities. Without local franchises our towns and cities will be stripped of an adequate way to make sure companies charge reasonable rates, respond to customer complaints and provide universal service.

Local franchises are cornerstones in the operation of Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) TV that provides a crucial service of localism in broadcast media, and the making and airing of programs that reflect diversity in American life. PEG TV is absolutely critical to dissemination of news about local government affairs. It is the only broadcast medium where individuals and community organizations can express their viewpoints and opinions to their fellow citizens. Democracy works best when the widest range of ideas possible is made available to all people, and PEG TV plays an estimable role in doing this. As a supporter of Access Sacramento (in Sacramento, California), I strongly urge the FCC to rule for the maintenance of local franchises.

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